		dismissed from naval service, (b) forfiet 12 Calendar months seniority in substantive rank of Commander, (c) pay fine of Rs. 7,870/- only and (d) suffer consequential penalties involved.
11.	Group Captain Shamsher Singh	Group Captain Shamsher Singh was tried by a General Court Martial on a charge relating to corruption. The General Court Martial awarded the following punishments :— (a) Forfeiture of seven years of service for promotion. (b) Forfeiture of five years of service for increased pay. (c) Severe Reprimand.
12.	DIG SK Dey	One case of financial and procedural irregularities/misappropriation of funds against DIG SK Dey has come to notice. A *prima facie* case was established against the officer and he was attached to Indian Coast Guard Ship, Chennai for initiation of disciplinary action against the officer. Before the disciplinary proceedings could be initiated the officer approached Madras High Court and obtained interim stay, which is still in force.

Production of Defence equipment by Small and Medium Scale Industries

754. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage the small and medium scale industries to participate in production of defence equipment in the country;

(b) if so, what is the policy frame-work, incentives, facilities and preferences, likely to be given to SSI Sector;

(c) whether Government have also decided to bring out any approved list of items to be manufactured by the SSI Sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government is supportive of and is already encouraging the Small and Medium Scale Industries to participate in defence production. The existing instructions issued by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries also provide for extending marketing support to SSI units in the emerging competitive environment. A scheme is being evolved to provide assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises to carry out design and development work for defence production.

(c) and (d) There is no approved list of defence items to be manufactured by the SSI sector.

Exodus of pilots from Defence Forces

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SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of resignations by the pilots of Indian Defence Forces has been continuing for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of the pilots who resigned from Air Force, Navy and Army;

(c) the reasons for these large scale resignations;

(d) whether Government have proposed a scheme to check the exodus of pilots;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.